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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/618,807 for METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR PROVIDING MESSAGE TRANSLATION, ACCOUNTING AND ROUTING SERVICE IN A MULTI-PROTOCOL COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK ENVIRONMENT
Our File No. 1322/47

Sir:

Please find enclosed the following:

1. A Response to Restriction/Election Requirement (2 pages);
2. A Petition for Extension of Time (Form PTO/SB/22, 2 pages) in duplicate;
3. A return-receipt postcard to be returned to us with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office filing stamp thereon; and
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For: METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR PROVIDING MESSAGE TRANSLATION, ACCOUNTING AND ROUTING SERVICE IN A MULTI-PROTOCOL COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK ENVIRONMENT

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This is responsive to the Restriction/Election Requirement dated April 15, 2003, having a 3-month term for Response that expired on July 15, 2003. A petition for a 1-month Extension of Time extending the deadline for responding to the Restriction/Election Requirement up to and including August 15, 2003 is attached hereto. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Election and Remarks.

RESTRICTION PRESENTED

The claims have been restricted into the following groups of inventions:

<u>Groups</u>	<u>Claims</u>	<u>Subject Matter</u>
I	1-30	Drawn to a network routing element, classified in class 709, subclass 217
II	31-53	Drawn to a method for routing signaling messages, classified in class 705, subclass 30
III	54-61	Drawn to a computer program, classified in class 700, subclass 11